Gaudet Indicted by Grand Jury

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A Taos, N.M., county grand jury Friday indicted former New Orleans policeman Edwin M. Gaudet, originally charged with threatening to kill President Nixon, on a state charge of assault with intent to kill a Taos city policeman.

The charge of assaulting policeman Joe Lucero stems from an alleged exchange of gunfire that followed Gaudet's flight from his home at the Morning Star commune near Taos on Aug. 20.

Dist. Atty. John Hobbes said Gaudet will be arraigned Wednesday before District Court Judge John B. Wright, who will set a trial date at the arraignment if Gaudet pleads innocent. Gaudet has said he will.

Gaudet surrendered Aug. 22. A federal charge accusing him of threatening to kill the President was dropped two days later.

He then faced three state charges of assault with intent to kill law officers during the alleged gunfight. Two of those counts were dropped Monday.